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Emerald Isle Bike & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MINUTES

February 19, 2025 at 9:00 AM
Emerald Isle Community Center

Meeting called to order: 9:06am - Mike Taylor

In attendance: Tom, Mike, Anne and Ken

- Anne Schrott- inquired why the commissioners are requesting statements from the committees.
- Mike explained the approach he thinks the group should take in response to the BOC
- They would like to share goals, idea for a master plan. Committee would like to keep communication between the committee until a decision is made for a response.
- Anne stated that we need members to be appointed, a response to the commissioners and need to feed the commissioners info about what the committee is doing on a regular basis. Safety purposes to be included in the response.
- Tom stated that he supported Kevin's response. Bike and Ped path is good for our tourism.
- There was discussion about cycle events that come through EI and how important the path is for bringing in events.
- Enhancing safety for walkers and bikers on EI.
- Committee should give an annual report on the actions taken to the BOC.
- Mike will make suggested changes to the draft and share it with the committee prior to sending a copy to the board. To include the history of the committee and future plans.
- Plans are made to meet in June - committee usually does not meet June/July/August.
- Mike stated the he spoke to Frank Rush about how they paid to build their path. They received a DOT grant and worked with neighboring communities to draft a master plan.
- Mike suggested that the BOC reach out to neighboring communities to collaborate to create a Bogue Banks Master Plan.
- Increasing advertisement for Bike the Banks by working with all communities.
- Discussion was had about adding a pedestrian path to the EI bridge and making the request to DOT while working with Cape Carteret.
- Anne stated that Frank Rush shared a link for a webinar with her for grant writing for beach accesses that she had planned to attend to bring suggestions back to Candace. The website and webinar have been cancelled.
- Anne stated that she believes the Golf cart committee and B&P should be combined.
- Tom stated that he does not agree. He believes that he is only concerned about the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

- The committee agreed that blending the two committees would not be a good idea.
- Conversation moved to the Bike the Banks event.
- Discussion was had about the need for volunteers, SAGs, flyers and additional people to register.
- The need for a 'finish line' welcoming group is needed since the Century ride has been cancelled.
- Anne will not be able to help with the event this year.
- Ken will volunteer at his normal group.
- Discussion was had about where volunteers should be located on side streets, the need for coverage at each intersection.
- Everyone is going to attempt to get volunteers.
- Candace will ask Drew to send the sponsorship form for the event.
- Request was made by Anne Schrott for Candace to send the names of the applicants for the B&P committee.
- Anne also asked who she should request apply for a grant application, she was told to make that request through Candace.
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:11am